

RANGE CATTLE ARE SUFFERING FROM SNOW

Ground in Western Kansas Is Covered and They Can Not Even Get Dried Grass to Eat, Is Report.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 29.—Heavy snow to cattle raisers will result from the big snow yesterday and Tuesday in western Kansas and Colorado, according to railroad men who travel between Denver and Kansas City. They say that the snow was the heaviest in twenty-five years.

The snow covered the ground to a depth of twelve inches. There was no drifting, as is usual. That means much suffering for the cattle. They cannot dig through the snow to the grass as a horse can. After one attempt they stand until they die of starvation or cold.

All along the right-of-way of the Union Pacific in western Kansas and eastern Colorado great herds of cattle are standing close to the fences. If it turns colder the loss to the owners will be very heavy.

There was a very heavy snow also in the mountains of Colorado, the most at this time of the year in three years. Snow at this time in the mountains means that it takes the entire summer to melt it. That means that there will be plenty of water for irrigation next summer.

Because of no big snows last winter or in 1909 in the mountains the water supply was short the last two years in streams having their source near the foot of the mountains. Last summer there was little water for irrigation in Colorado. Most of the springs and streams in the hills went dry, causing much suffering among cattle.

But the recent snows have made the farmers of Kansas happy. The grain will be greatly benefited.



IT IS THE TIME FOR GOOD WISHES

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HIS LIBERTY COST HIM SECRET OF HIS LIFE AS A PRISONER

A Missourian Was a Fugitive from Justice and Had Lived for Years Under Assumed Name as Honest Citizen.

GOVERNOR OF TEXAS GIVES HIM A PARDON

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 29.—Real liberty at the cost of having his past buried is what William H. Hammond, whose real name is Nathan Hurst, accepted tonight. And "Hammond" is at least to resume his true name.

"W. H. Hammond" owns a big boarding house at Dearborn, in Platte county. He is married and has six children. For more than twenty years he has lived here, respected by his neighbors and business associates. But twenty-eight years ago in Texas, Hurst was sentenced to serve seventeen years in the Texas Penitentiary. He escaped after three months. Today Governor Culbitt of Texas issued a pardon to Hurst after having made full investigation of his record.

How He Escaped.

"Hammond" was found guilty at Fort Worth, Tex., on two counts of horse stealing. He was given twelve years in one case and five in the other. He began life at the penitentiary in Huntsville. Then, one day, while manning a caper on a railroad dump, he caught the guard temporarily off duty. Jerking the harness off one of the mules he was driving, Hurst rode to the woods. His escape was successful.

According to W. L. Hurst, the escaped man's father, who was in the Texas Penitentiary, his son came immediately to St. Joseph. There he assumed the name of Hammond and worked at a packing house. About eight years ago he ran for sheriff of Buchanan county. He came within ten votes of being elected. He has served several years in constant and deputy sheriff in St. Joseph.

To Start 1912 as Honest.

W. L. Hurst, the father, says that he will take the pardon to his son on New Year's day and that the family will start the year 1912 under its true name. The wife and children were to have been told the secret as a New Year's dinner.

"Hammond" went to Dearborn two years ago, after the death of his first wife. He since has married. "Yes, it's all true," said Hurst tonight, talking over the telephone in Dearborn. "There's no use trying to get away from it. I'm surprised that it has come out after twenty-eight years, but I supposed my father thought he was acting for the best. He had not consulted me about his New Year's surprise. It will ruin me in my business here. I'm afraid, but I know nobody can find any black mark in my life during the last twenty-eight years."

To Clear a Family Name.

"I was only a boy of 17 when I was sent to the Texas prison. I did wrong then, but I have atoned for it in the years that have followed. My mother died three years ago, and I suppose my father felt that his time was near and he would like to have the family name clear."

"Hammond" served for several terms as constable of this (Washington) township. He made numerous campaigns for office, but has not taken much interest in politics since he was defeated in his race for sheriff. Recently he married Miss Betty Roberts of Dearborn. Two daughters, one now married, were born to his first wife. His father, W. L. Hurst, is a well-to-do ranchman of Hurst, Tex.

BIG CITY FINDS CESS POOL IN A WELL

Lincoln, Nebraska Discovers That Pipe Drips Into Water Supply and Results in Severe Epidemic.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 29.—The source of Lincoln's epidemic of intestinal trouble has been discovered. A small pipe leading from no one knows where, was found to be dripping sewage into one of the wells from which the city water supply is drawn.

The epidemic, which has attacked 500 persons and caused one death, is of a gastro-intestinal character, resembling cholera. Its source was discovered by J. S. Leonard of the city council and Dr. H. H. Waite, state bacteriologist and head of that department at the University of Nebraska.

It was discovered late yesterday afternoon that drippings were falling from the exposed end of a small pipe at the Rice well into the water below. These drippings were caught in a dipper and tested, bacilli being found in dangerous quantities. The discovery was not communicated to the water department till a late hour, the pumps sending the infected water into the city mains till 10 o'clock. At midnight last night Mayor Armstrong issued an order that the fire department flush all mains connected with this well before morning.

This course of the pipe is unknown. That it was there has been known to the city authorities, but at previous investigations it has always been dry and its presence was not regarded as an important factor.

It is stated by city officials that they believe that the pipe leaks into the well only in extremely wet weather. Just prior to the typhoid fever epidemic last summer there had been a heavy rain. Both the typhoid fever epidemic of last August and the gastro-intestinal epidemic which is causing sickness here at present largely were confined to the district supplied with water from this well.

An investigation of the mysterious pipe is being made. The well has been closed.

MOCK CEREMONY IS USED TO DECEIVE AVIS LINNELL IS ALLEGATION

Proof is Said to Be in Hands of Prosecution That Accused Pastor Made Girl Believe He Married Her.

SHE MAY HAVE BEEN BRUTALLY FAKED

Boston, Dec. 29.—That the Rev. Clarence V. T. Richardson married Avis Linnell in a weird secret ceremony in which he was both groom and officiating clergyman and that the girl implicitly believed in the legality of the ceremony is reported to be the startling feature of the government's case against the Cambridge minister.

When the murder case comes up next month the government will produce witnesses in an attempt to prove that Avis Linnell, the chorus singer who met death by cyanide of potassium at the Young Women's Christian association dormitory, went through a secret ceremony which, it will be charged, Richardson suggested.

"I can marry others, why not ourselves," is the argument Richardson is alleged to have made to the little country girl.

"Won't that be romantic?" was the answer of Avis Linnell. Then followed a ceremony, it will be asserted, which brought great happiness temporarily to Avis.

The unusual ceremony is alleged to have taken place last summer at Hyannis on Cape Cod, where both were spending vacations at the scene of their first meeting. Friends of Avis have divulged much information as to the relations of Richardson and the girl. Endearing names were spoken between them in company. The girls of the town entertained at that time a suspicion that a secret ceremony had been performed by which Avis believed herself to be the pastor's lawful wife. Avis appeared one day wearing a wedding ring which she told her friends Richardson "had given her as a birthday gift."

KANSAS MEN CALL FOR MORE WIVES

Give Us a Chance for Young Women Who Want Good Homes But Have No Objection to Living in Kansas.

Ulysses, Kan., Dec. 29.—Scarcity of marriageable young women in Grant county, one of the Kansas inland counties, thirty-five miles from a railroad, but soon to have one, has caused all of the young bachelors of the county to form a society which will seriously engage in the business of wife-getting for its members. When the plan of the society has been carried out it is hoped that Grant county will cease to be a matrimonial Sahara.

Thirty-five good looking young men, all of them well fixed and able to support wives, have organized the Grant County Bachelors' club for the purpose of getting into correspondence with eligible young women. "Object, matrimony."

Two years ago the bachelors of Grant county organized a somewhat similar club and several of them obtained wives. The approach of a leap year has encouraged them to revive the club on a more extensive scale.

A part of the program of the club is getting suitable mates for its members in the issuance of a catalogue containing the photographs and the complete descriptions of each of the bachelors, giving in detail particulars of income, property and all qualifications. These are to be sent over the country, and women contemplating matrimony urged to correspond and to communicate with the members of the club.

"We believe that advertising pays," declared H. F. McCall, president of the club. "Furthermore, we don't believe in going into anything with our eyes shut. This is no 'light-unseen' proposition. We are willing to give particulars about ourselves and to know what we are to get if we make any deals."

In the foreword, the catalogue, which was prepared by S. A. Wilson, editor of the Grant County Republican, says:

"Many happy members have gone the happy days of the married man and the purpose of the club is to reawaken in to present a list of good, honest men for the women tired of single blessedness to look over and pick from, assuring them that only prizes will be drawn."

H. F. McCall, register of deeds of Grant county, is president of the club, and Lewis Wilson, cashier of the Grant County State bank, is secretary.

SUN TAKES JOB FROM LAMPLIGHTERS

Canal Engineers Perfect New Device for Automatically Turning on and Off Lamps in Lighthouses.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 29.—The sun has been called into play by the latest labor saving device along the Panama canal.

In the acetylene-burning light-houses along the banks of the canal will be installed copper cylinders exposed to the sun. When the sun rises and the rays fall on these cylinders the latter will expand and close valves that admit gas to the burners.

As night approaches and the sun's rays diminish in power the cylinders will contract and turn on the gas, which will be ignited by small pilot jets.

Thus a considerable economy will be realized in the hire of light tenders and in the consumption of gas.

Try a Herald Want Ad.

KANSAS FARMERS TO REDUCE COST OF LIVING BY FISH

They Will Co-Operate With State Warden to Protect Species and Expect to Secure Big Results.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 29.—Kansas farmers' small boys are having new chores added to their before and after school work. In the morning they have to bring up the cows and horses, help feed the pigs and milk the cows and carry the pigs and put down hay for the horses. Their new stuff will be to feed the fish. It will not be very long until nearly every Kansas farmer will call out to his son or the hired man:

"Henry, as soon as you finish milking go over and grind some feed for the fish. This sounds like a pretty strange direction for farmers to make, but there will be several thousand more next year and in the years to come. When Prof. L. L. Dyche of the state university was made fish and game warden he was told that his chief job was to make the fish industry worth while in Kansas.

The state has just let the contract for eighty-three new ponds, covering eighty acres ground, as an addition to his fish hatchery at Pratt and when the ponds are completed Kansas will have the largest fish hatchery in the country. One million minnows a year is the capacity of the new hatchery, and all of these will be furnished free of charge for breeding purposes to the Kansas farmers and sportsmen. The new hatchery will cost \$75,000, including the land, nearly 100 acres having been purchased. There are now seven ponds at the hatchery and about 10,000 fish are distributed each year.

If every farmer in Kansas would grow one mesh of fish a week for his own family it will mean \$1,250,000 added to the revenues of Kansas each year, said Prof. Dyche. "If they grow careful and sell a few fish each year the revenues of the state will be increased from \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000 a year. Fish are the easiest grown and most productive crop that can be raised on a farm. A half-acre pond will return more to the farmer each year than any five acres he can grow with the best work."

Kansas has been successful in increasing its fish production. One is to increase the revenues and pleasures of the farmers themselves, and the other is to increase the water area of the state. As is well known, the heaviest rainfall follows the westerly winds of any state, and by increasing the water area away from the streams it is believed that the rainfall throughout the state will be increased.

The state refunds one-half the taxes on all farm property made into ponds of certain size and of certain materials. The ponds are to be filled either by pumping or by storing the winter rains and snow.

Every farmer who will build a pond will be supplied with fish and taught how to take care of them. Correspondence courses in building ponds and in caring for fish have been installed at the state university and the State Agricultural college.

VILLAGE SMITHY IS NOW POLITICAL BOSS IN QUEENS.

Alexander Dujat, Horse Shoer, Runs the Politics of His Borough and Has High Place in Tammany Councils.

(New York Letter to Evening Herald)

New York, Dec. 29.—From the changing swirl and smoking environs of a horse shoeing shop to the leadership of the powerful Democratic organization in Queens is a long stride which has been taken by Alexander Dujat, Corona's "village blacksmith."

Mr. Dujat, who is a descendant of an old Spanish family, is known in Queens as "Du-Jet," but the proper pronunciation of his name is "Dush," as given by his father, who for many years was a prominent figure in the New York university.

But whether it is "Jet" or "Dush," it apparently makes little difference to the new political leader, who is being pursued by hordes of office seekers seeking to get into his good graces. It is generally known that Mr. Dujat was made county chairman because of his intimacy with Maurice H. Connolly, borough president, and it is understood, too, that he will be guided to a great extent by the advice of his friend in the matter of recommendations for appointments to be made by the borough president.

A Merry Christmas for John D. John D. Rockefeller said that Monday was one of the best Christmas days he ever had. He spent all the forenoon playing golf, in three rounds of the course with different opponents and was immensely pleased because he won two out of the three games.

The weather and the course were ideal. A Warm Christmas in New York.

The temperature yesterday afternoon was the warmest of a New York Christmas day for four years. The mercury reached its highest point at ten minutes after two when it rose to 45 degrees. The highest point recorded in 1907 was 40 degrees. Previous to that year the warmest Christmas was in 1905 when the thermometers indicated a temperature of 50 degrees.

Figure showing last night by the local weather bureau show snow falls have been more conspicuous by their absence Christmas day than otherwise. In the last twenty years there have been only four appreciable falls on Christmas. In 1902 there were three and four-tenths inches; in 1904 a white mantle of an average depth of four inches covered the city; and in 1908 there was a trace of snow. The storm in 1909 was the heaviest

In twenty years, the flakes falling to an average depth of five and a half inches.

As on all mild days, many flocked to the beaches and the parks. At Coney Island twenty thousand persons walked along Surf avenue.

Fifty bathers, it was estimated, were on the beaches at Brighton and Seagate, where they divided their attention between surf and medicine balls.

Miss Barrymore Too Ill to Play. Miss Ethel Barrymore was so ill with laryngitis last night that she was unable to appear in "The Witness for the Defense" in the Empire theater, and the house remained dark. About two thousand persons who had planned to see the performance after their Christmas dinners had to scurry around for seats at other playhouses or find some other way of amusing themselves.

An Old Roadhouse to Go. Behind a brief announcement that the property at 2325 Seventh avenue had been sold to a firm that will erect a moving picture theater, is the story of the passing of the last of the roadhouses which made that thoroughfare noted more than a quarter of a century ago.

Hidden behind a high billboard for the last two years, the three-story mahogany roofed structure, that under the name of "The Cottage," dispensed hospitality for nearly a hundred years, exists not even as a memory to the present generation.

While the chapters devoted to favors and past days in the innumerable books to which have been affixed the title, "Old New York," make no mention of "The Cottage," it tradition places its age at 150 years. It was one of those substantial structures built to weather the passing of innumerable years.

In the first half of last century the Cottage, under a succession of genial hosts, was a favorite stop for the stage coaches that passed over the old dirt road that led to McComb's Dam Bridge, a wooden structure in those days, and found its continuation in the Boston road on the Bronx side of the Harlem river.

PATRICK TIERNEY RUNS AWAY AND RETURNS RICH

Eastern Youth Goes to Alaska in Search of Fortune Nails Onto It and Returns Home to See Parents.

Somerville, N. J., Dec. 29.—Fourteen years ago Patrick Tierney, then a clerk in the store of Thomas & Co. of this borough, disappeared. At the time of his disappearance he lived with his aged parents at Harrison, a mile from here. He left his home one morning as usual to go to his place of employment, and that was the last his parents ever saw of him. He was on good terms with his family and his employers, and as his accounts were found to be straight his disappearance at the time was a great mystery.

Tierney's parents after their son's disappearance recalled the fact that he had talked a great deal during his youthful career of going to the Alaska gold fields and had boasted that he would enable the old folks to live in ease and comfort for the remainder of their lives.

Michael Tierney, the father, was a hard working man with a large family. Five years after his son's disappearance he received a short letter from him from Cape Nome, Alaska. The letter indicated that Patrick had been through some hardships and had not struck it rich.

Friday night a richly dressed man carrying two suitcases alighted from a passenger train at the Harlem railroad station and walked briskly up the street to the old Tierney home, where he knocked at the door. He asked for Mr. and Mrs. Michael Tierney. The strange woman told him that Michael Tierney had died about five years ago and his wife about a year or two later, and that all their children had moved away from the town.

The young man made it known that he was Patrick Tierney and was in search of his parents.

He later looked up a number of his old friends. He had returned to make good the promise of his youth and had brought with him as a Christmas present enough gold nuggets to bring them comfort in their old age. Tierney said after many hardships he drifted from Alaska to Peru, where he struck it rich in the Andes mountains, where he now has a good paying claim.

EVERYBODY WANTS MAINE RELICS

Curio Seekers, Patriotic Societies, Municipalities and Others Seek Pieces of BattleShip.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Sentimentalists and souvenir hunters, as well as town governments and patriotic organizations, are pouring requests into the navy department for relics from the battleship Maine.

As the navy department has no authority for disposing of any part of the vessel, of course all requests to date have been turned down. No attempt has yet been made to ascertain just what parts of the wreck might be available to give away, although it has been suggested that such articles as the ship's gun mounts, guns, whistles and even the hull would make interesting adornments for the headquarters of patriotic organizations or the naval museums.

The department is awaiting action of congress before making any plans for the disposition of the wreck.

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STRUCK BY A CAR NEW YORK MAN HIS DEMENTED

It is Likely That George Cohen Will Never Regain Mental Faculties Again and Will Lead a Living Death.

South Norwalk, Conn., Dec. 23.—To live for years as one dead is the peculiar fate which seemingly awaits George Cohen of New York, who is a patient in a local hospital.

Five weeks ago Cohen was struck on the head by a trolley car and since that time has remained in a comatose condition. Medical experts who have given great attention to the unusual case, fear there is little hope for the man's recovery.

Every resource of science has been tried to restore Cohen to consciousness, but all have failed. Despite his ailment, Cohen is physically strong and shows no indications of dissolution save by a natural death.

In the opinion of experts he may continue for years in his present condition unless some cure can be found.

ANOTHER MAN IS WITHOUT NATION

Immigration Authorities at Ellis Island Find Youth Who Has Been Sent Back Time and Time Again.

New York, Dec. 29.—Another case of a man without a country was given the immigration officials recently for solution, when Samuel Goulden, 18 years old, of Russian parentage, was sent to Ellis Island after being brought here a prisoner on board the Hamburg-American line's Atlas service. He was sent here from Kingston, Jamaica, where he had been placed in jail when put ashore from the Prima August Wilhelm of the same line.

Goulden is studying to be a surveyor. He said his parents, while Russian, lived in Thomas, N. Y., and that his father was a naturalized American citizen. His parents separated, he said, the father returning to Russia. Two years ago, Samuel went to Oklahoma, but lost his job there and worked his way to New York, reaching here November 13.

On November 20 he decided to become a stowaway on board a steamship bound for Panama, where he hoped to get work on the canal. He hid on board the Prima August Wilhelm, but on the third day was discovered and put in the brig, then put ashore at Kingston, where he was handed over to the British authorities and locked up.

He was put aboard the Prima August Wilhelm and was turned over to the immigration officials.

If Goulden is an American citizen and can prove that his father was naturalized he may be released and allowed to re-enter this country. If not, the immigration authorities may send him back to the port from which he came. As the British authorities in Jamaica will not let him land there, the young man may be "shuttled" back and forth between New York and Kingston, unable to land in either port, and thus become a man without a country.

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